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2. "All military personnel in the Rumanian Army, no matter what their rank, must be in possession of a military document which contains their personal data. This regulation applies to soldarii reangajati (non-commissioned officers) and ostasi in termen (conscripts) as well as to officers.
3. "The military identification documents for officers are issued by the MFA/or MAI/ Ministries, respectively, depending on the type of unit to which an officer belongs. This document must be produced to prove identity in the following circumstances:
  - (a) When a military patrol of the Comandourea Pietei (Military Police) demands identification. The chief of the patrol must, however, have a rank higher than or equal to the rank of the officer challenged.

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- (b) When a military patrol under the command of an officer of inferior rank (to the officer challenged) demands identification and has in its possession a special permit issued by the Military Police Headquarters entitling the chief of the patrol to carry on such duties and specifying the top rank of officer whom his patrol may challenge.
- (c) When an officer enters a military unit and/or a military barrack or institution he must produce his military identification document to the duty officer of the unit, or, in the absence of the duty officer, to the commander of the guard.
4. "To prove identity to civilian authorities (on trains, in a bank, etc.) army officers carry the normal civilian identification card called Buletin de Populatie.
  5. "Non-commissioned officers (reangajati) carry military identification documents similar to those carried by officers. The same identification regulations apply.
  6. "The officer candidates at the various military schools carry military identification documents which are issued by their respective schools and countersigned by the commander in chief of the garrison headquarters of the military region in which the military school is located. Officer candidates must identify themselves to any patrol of the Comenduirea Pietei, no matter what the rank covered by the chief of the patrol.
  7. "Conscripts (ostasi in termen) carry military identification documents which are issued by the units to which they belong, signed by the commanding officer of the respective unit and countersigned by the commanding officer of the garrison headquarters of the military region to which the unit belongs. Conscripts must identify themselves to any military patrol of the Comenduirea Pietei. They identify themselves to civilian authorities in the same way as officers - by the Buletin de Populatie.
  8. "According to regulations, members of the Militia and of the Securitatea are not entitled to demand identification of military personnel of the MFA Ministry. Should such identification be necessary, it must be done in collaboration with MFA military personnel, i.e. with the Military Police. These regulations are abused. I know of many instances when the Securitatea has challenged the identity of and even arrested MFA military personnel without legitimate right. This creates discontent throughout the MFA. Obviously there are many MFA military personnel who, as members of the CP, consider themselves reliable Communists in good standing. They feel they should have the same privileges as the Soviet military personnel.
  9. "As stated above, military documents for soldiers are issued to all soldiers and must be in their possession at any time, with the following exception: the military documents of soldiers who are performing their military service in frontier zones are kept in the possession of the respective units (pluton) to which the soldiers directly belong.
  10. "In 1952 there seemed to be a certain delay in the issue of military documents to army personnel. It might last as long as six months. [REDACTED]

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11. "I do not know whether the military documents issued to officers carry an identification code. It is known that the officer in charge of a Military Patrol is in possession of a special list of the names of the commanding officers of the units stationed in the garrison to which the patrol is attached -- the officers who are authorized to sign orders, leaves or other military documents. This list carries specimen signatures of the officers so authorized. This speeds identification checks. The chief of the patrol checks the signatures on the identification document against the signatures in his possession.
12. "All officers, NCO's and other ranks who belong to either the cadral disponibil /available unit or to the rezerva (reserve) must have in their possession a military identification document. These inactive military personnel must produce this military document at the request of all military and civilian inspection authorities. As noted above, active military personnel do NOT produce their military document to civilian authorities.
13. "It is evident that an officer, a NCO or a conscript on active service is not yet in possession of the requisite military identification document, identification is possible through an Ordin de Serviciu (Duty Order). This is a simple military printed form, about 20 cm x 15 cm, which indicates the bearer's rank, name and surname, class (contingent), military unit, and duty order (statement that bearer departs from .... to .... in the interest of service, leave etc.; validity from .... to ....). An Ordin de Serviciu must be signed by the commanding officer of the bearer's unit, and stamped. It bears a date of issue. An Ordin de Serviciu may be produced to military authorities only, NOT to civilian authorities. I do not know whether these Ordin de Serviciu contained a code. I do know that each had to be registered. The check procedure includes a comparison of signatures on the order against signatures in the possession of the authorities.

Foais de Drum

14. "Travel orders known as Foais de Drum entitle military personnel to travel on trains without normal civilian tickets. The Foais de Drum is issued on a special printed form by the military unit to which a man belongs and signed by the commanding officer of that unit. No other railroad ticket is needed. The train inspector punches the Foais de Drum and inspects the bearer's normal civilian identification card (Buletin de Identitate) -- NOT his military document. Travel orders are issued for service duty and for leave.

Biletul de Voia

15. "The Biletul de Voia, or Outgoing Permit, is issued to military personnel by the unit concerned. The paper may be either typed or handwritten. It states that the bearer (named) is entitled to so many hours of leave. This permit does not cover a period beyond 4 hours.
16. "During off-duty time, when military personnel are free in town, they must follow special regulations. They cannot walk on the street in groups larger than two. They cannot enter liquor shops or restaurants. They cannot loiter in the streets, talk to other military personnel (which would make a larger group of soldiers), approach civilians or talk to girls -- unless they are absolutely sure of their social origin and reliability. In some towns certain streets are out of bounds to military personnel -- eg. the Calea Victoriei in Bucharest."

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